

Date Mailed September 30, 1999

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public
Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and Render
Natural Gas Service in the Town of Springfield, St. Croix
County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-197

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the August 30, 1999, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct facilities and render natural gas service in the Town of Springfield, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns. WGC presently serves as a natural gas public utility in the immediate vicinity of the new service area being requested, including the Town of Cady, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

No natural gas utility is currently authorized to provide natural gas service in the Town of Springfield, St. Croix County.

The Town of Springfield, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, adopted an ordinance on April 12, 1999, granting WGC the authority to provide natural gas service in the Town of Springfield.

WGC proposes to serve from existing main a customer on the north side of 60th Avenue, the boundary between the Towns of Springfield and Cady. A service line is the only new facility needed to serve the customer.

The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an

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investigation will be assessed against and collected from the Wisconsin Gas Company in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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